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Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- ☒ Response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2001 (including Appendices A and B)
- ☒ Check for \$55.00
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If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617)720-3500, Boston, Massachusetts.

A one month extension of time is respectfully requested and the appropriate fee is submitted concurrently herewith. If any additional fee is determined to be due by the Examiner, the Examiner is authorized to charged the appropriate fee to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 9) mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 10, 2001. The Office Action Summary indicated that the shortened statutory period for response to this action was set to expire one month from the mailing date. In a telephone conversation with Examiner Zeman on April 17, 2001, the Examiner indicated that this was an error and that the shortened statutory period for response was three months from the mailing date. Accordingly, the three month shortened statutory period for response is up to and including July 10, 2001. A one month extension of time is respectfully requested.

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In the Claims

Please re-write the claims as shown below. A marked-up copy of the claims is attached to the end of this amendment as Appendix A.

1. An isolated nucleic acid molecule, comprising

(a) a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes under stringent conditions to a molecule consisting of a nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, or SEQ ID NO:50 and which codes for a polypeptide having RIP60 activity,

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